

Three-year Africa research program proposal

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STEPS IN CONDUCTING THE RESEARCH:

Dr. Ann Seidman, proposes to undertake the organization and conduct of this proposed research over the next three years in cooperation with the Africa Research Program, under the Director, Professor Dov Ronen, of the Harvard Center for International Affairs.

The proposal aims to engage southern African scholars in undertaking research concerning the institutional changes required to achieve regional integration through the series of workshops and employment of specific individuals as outlined below in the

proposed three year schedule. The first workshop would enable southern African scholars to revise and further develop the design of the proposed research. Individuals, chosen in consultation with southern African researchers, would prepare position papers on the state of the existing research in the field as background for the workshop deliberations. As participants in the on-going research, the research assistants, nominated by the participating countries' researchers, would benefit from participating in the workshop.

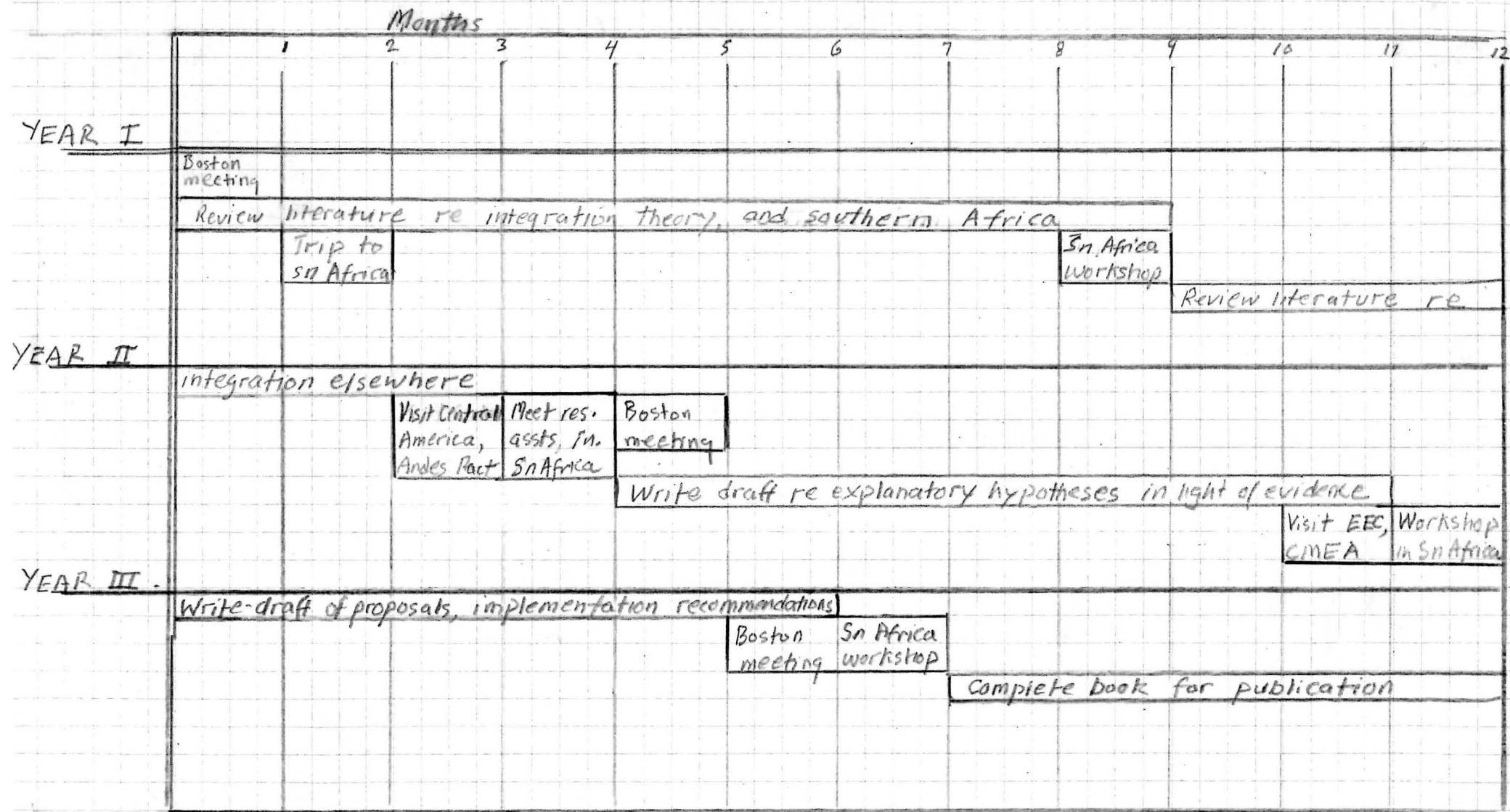
While recently in southern Africa, Dr. Seidman discussed the proposal for this research with the following individuals who indicated their interest: Mr. E. Mopanyane, of the SADCC Secretariat, noted the advantages of engaging southern African university personnel in this kind of research. Conversations with Dr. Thomas Tlou, Vice Chancellor of the University of Botswana, and the Director of the National Institute of Research at the University of Botswana, Dr. N. Morepedi, indicated the Institute could serve as host the proposed workshops. Mr. Nelson Moyo and Dr. Caleb Fundanga, respectively heads of the Economics Departments of the Universities of Zimbabwe and Zambia, indicated their departments' willingness to cooperate. Dr. Joseph Semboja expressed his conviction that the Economic Research Bureau of the University of Dar es Salaam would participate. And Dr. Aquino de Braganca, Director of the African Studies Institute of the Eduardo Mondelane University has written

that his Institute welcomes the opportunity to cooperate in this type of research.

Two important contributions to the research may flow from the linkage with the Harvard Center for International Affairs: First, it will facilitate drawing together and bringing to the southern African participants the information gathered by researchers at the Center relative to problems and possibilities encountered in the course of efforts to implement regional integration elsewhere in Africa and the world.

Secondly, every effort will be made to enable southern African scholars and practitioners, identified in the course of the research, to come to the Center for varying periods of time. There, they could take part in seminars and informal discussions with scholars from other parts of the world concerning relevant issues. They could reflect on the findings of the research and, using the extensive resources available in the area, undertake further in-depth research on critical questions.

TIME LINE FOR PROPOSED RESEARCH - THREE YEARS*



* For details, see text of proposal, p. 17 ff.

The proposed three year research schedule:

YEAR I:

1st month: Meeting of Africanist scholars at the Harvard Center for International Affairs to discuss the proposal and get suggestions <held March, 11, 1986>;

1st-8th months: Review of the literature relating to a> the theory of regional integration to deepen the hypotheses set forth above; and b> the history of formation of southern African mini-states and South Africa's domination through associated institutions in the key areas to verify and make more specific the propositions concerning their impact on the possibilities of regional integration. This would include examination of both secondary sources and government documents available in this country as well as additional ones to be obtained from southern Africa.

2nd month: First trip to southern Africa <Tanzania, Mozambique, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Botswana> to a> gather relevant current literature; b> identify researchers or practitioners who will write position papers on the problem areas for the first workshop; c> identify research assistants in the five countries who will gather information for in-depth case studies.

8th month: A week long workshop in southern Africa to discuss position papers and plan in-depth case studies and work to be carried out by research assistants in subsequent six month period.

9th-12th months: An on-going review of the literature describing the relevant institutional and resource allocation changes achieved through regional integration efforts in other third world areas including such projects as the Andes Pact, ASEAN, EEC, CMEA.

YEAR II:

1st-3rd months: Continue literature review re regional integration efforts in other third world areas.

2nd month: Visit to Central American and Andes Pact countries to discuss their regional integration experiences in the three problem areas <on way to southern Africa>.

3rd month: Trip to southern Africa to meet with research assistants and interested scholars and practitioners to discuss state of research and plans for next six months.

4th month: Meeting with Africanist scholars in the Boston Area, and selected others, to discuss findings and receive criticisms and suggestions for subsequent research.

4th-11th months: Write draft re explanatory hypotheses in light of relevant evidence gathered to date.

11th month: Visit to EEC, CMEA to discuss the implications of their regional development experiences for southern Africa <on way to southern Africa>.

12th month: Second workshop in southern Africa of research assistants, relevant researchers and practitioners, to discuss evidence, resulting proposals for solution, and recommendations for implementation of the proposals.

YEAR III:

1st-6th months: Write draft of proposals and recommendations for implementation.

6th month: Meeting of concerned Africanists in Boston to critique draft and make suggestions.

7th month: Final workshop with research assistants, researchers and policy makers to discuss feasibility of implementing the recommendations for new institutions to operationalize southern African regional integration.

8th-12th months: Complete book for publication.

QUALIFICATIONS OF THE CHIEF INVESTIGATOR:

Dr. Ann Seidman has worked for seven years in southern African

universities 14 where she served as Professor and Chair of the Economics Departments of the University of Zambia for two years, and of the University of Zimbabwe for three years, as well as external examiner for the Universities of Swaziland and Botswana. In addition to her own writing and research on the topic, she has helped to arrange and participated in innumerable southern African regional conferences and research projects. As a result, she will easily be able to make the necessary contacts with researchers and practitioners concerned with regional integration issues in southern Africa (see attached curriculum vitae).

14. She worked an additional four years in West Africa, and has studied and conducted research concerning Africa for about 25 years.